

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Agenda
Dahlonega City Hall
465 Riley Road
Dahlonega, Georgia**

**October 16, 2008
6:00 P.M.**

(As amended)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. INVOCATION

Reverend Stephen Gerrells
Mount Zion Baptist Church

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PROCLAMATION

- 170TH Anniversary of the Trail of Tears

PRESENTATION *(amended to include)*

- *Certified County Official Presentation to Commissioner Clarence Grindle*

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 25, 2008 Public Hearing B & W 5:45 pm
- September 25, 2008 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- October 2, 2008 Work Session 9:00 a.m.

VI. REPORTS

- Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office
- Elected Officials
- Chamber of Commerce

VII. RESOLUTIONS

- 2008-47 Amend 2008 Budget
- 2008-48 Authorize Sale & Disposition of Surplus Property
- 2008-49 Appointment Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Board
- 2008-50 Appointment Lumpkin County Planning Commission

VIII. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- Old Republic Insurance Company – Airport Owners & Operator's Liability Insurance (ratify)
- Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center (GMRDC) - Georgia Emergency Management Agency Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000/Lumpkin County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Emergency Recovery Services (ERS) Contract
- Ninth District Opportunity, Inc.-Lumpkin County Head Start Bldg. 2008-2009 Lease
- Mark Robinson Hauling LLC – Transfer Station Lease
- Applied Studio's – Web Site Design & Maintenance Contract
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant Application – Victims of Crime Act Assistance (VOCA)/Victims Services Coordinator

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- Issue Beer, Wine & Distilled Spirits Alcoholic Beverage License
 - ✓ Rhonda Sheppard for Waters Mill, Inc.
765 Guy Waters Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533
- Lumpkin County Hospital Authority
 - ✓ September 18, 2008 Meeting Cases for Review/Approval
- Letter – United States Department of Agriculture – ARC Grant-FY '07 Water System Improvements
- Letter - Corp. of Engineers/Dredging Materials at Lumpkin County Park
- Land Survey RFP – Lumpkin County Property at Riley & Mechanicsville Roads

X. COMMENTS

- COUNTY MANAGER
- CHAIRMAN
- COMMISSIONER
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- PUBLIC

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

Future Meetings:

November

- ❖ Work Session – City Hall
- ❖ Board Meeting – City Hall

November 06, 2008 at 9:00 am
November 20, 2008 at 6:00 pm

December

- ❖ Work Session – City Hall
- ❖ Board Meeting – City Hall

December 04, 2008 at 9:00 am
December 18, 2008 at 6:00 pm

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

October 16, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Dahlonega City Hall. Present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

INVOCATION

The Reverend Stephen Gerrells of Mount Zion Baptist Church gave the invocation. Commissioner Clarence Grindle then led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a presentation to Commissioner Grindle immediately following the proclamation. This motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

170th Anniversary of the Trail of Tears

This proclamation recognizes the dedication of many individuals, civic leaders, the Trail of Tears Association and its Georgia Chapter, and the Historical Society of Lumpkin County to make sure that this tragic event in our history is never forgotten and extends our heartfelt thanks for their continued commitment to historic preservation.

Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to approve this proclamation with the recommendation that a typographic error be corrected. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Commissioner Clarence Grindle completed the Commissioners Training Program a certification program sponsored by the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia. The Chairman presented a plaque and pin to Commissioner Grindle commemorating this certification.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 25, 2008 Public Hearing B & W 5:45 pm

September 25, 2008 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

October 2, 2008 Work Session 9:00 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the three sets of minutes. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Chairman Gooch acknowledged North Georgia College and State University students that were in attendance.

REPORTS

Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office
Elected Officials

Chamber of Commerce – Gary Powers gave a verbal report concerning the audit performed at the Welcome Center, signs placed in the sign program, the planned postcard program starting during Gold Rush, and upcoming advertising in state and north-side publications.

RESOLUTIONS

2008-47 Amend 2008 Budget

This resolution amends the Lumpkin County Budget for Fiscal Year 2008.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to approve this resolution which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

2008-48 Authorize Sale & Disposition of Surplus Property

This resolution provides for the identification and classification of certain Lumpkin County property as surplus property and to authorize its sale and disposition.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

2008-49 Appointment Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Board

This resolution provides for the appointment of Randy Waters to Seat No. 3 of the Lumpkin County Park and Recreation Board to complete an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2008 and then to appoint him for an additional term ending December 31, 2013.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson moved to approve the appointment which was seconded by John Raber. John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

2008-50 Appointment Lumpkin County Planning Commission

This resolution reappoints Charles Davis to Seat 5 of the Lumpkin County Planning Commission for a term ending August 27, 2012 and appoints Barbara H. Bosanko to Seat 2 of the Lumpkin County Planning Commission to complete an unexpired term ending August 27, 2009, each to the Lumpkin County Planning Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

Old Republic Insurance Company – Airport Owners & Operator's Liability Insurance (ratify)

This annual agreement provides coverage and limits for the General Liability exposures relating to the airport owners' interest in the operations of the airport.

Term: October 1, 2008 – October 1, 2009

Amount: \$3,575.00

Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center (GMRDC) - Georgia Emergency Management Agency Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000/Lumpkin County Hazard Mitigation Plan

This agreement provides that GMRDC will prepare the pre-application and provide general administrative services in the event the county is awarded said grant from GEMA. The compensation will be based on the actual costs expended by the Center in providing services.

Term: The Center will immediately initiate the preparation of the GEMA pre-application for submission.

Amount: No charge unless grant is awarded

Emergency Recovery Services (ERS) Contract

This agreement stipulates that ERS will provide cost recovery services for Lumpkin County Emergency Services.

Term: October 16, 2008 – October 15, 2009

Amount: ERS' fee will be collected directly from the payer for fees recovered.

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc - Lumpkin County Head Start Building 2008-2009 Lease

This is the annual renewable in kind contribution agreement for use of the Head Start Building.

Term: October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009

Value Amount: \$154,896.00

Mark Robinson Hauling LLC – Transfer Station Lease

This is the contract for the operation and management of the solid waste transfer station on Barlow Road.

Term: November 1, 2008 – October 31, 2009

Amount: \$1,250.00 per month, in advance

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve these contracts. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.*

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant Application – Victims of Crime Act Assistance (VOCA)/Victims Services Coordinator

This item was tabled as the required grant materials were not received prior to this meeting.

Applied Studios – Web Site Design & Maintenance Contract

This contract provides that certain Web site design, development and maintenance services will be performed and delivery of web site design documents, content and features will be provided to Lumpkin County as specified in the Statement of Work attached to the contract.

Term: October 16, 2008 – October 15, 2009 automatically renewable annually

Amount: Redesign \$3,000.00; Replace missing content & design new content \$2,000.00; Monthly maintenance 20 hours per month/\$50.00 per hour; Additional services \$50.00 per hour, all payable monthly

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson moved to approve this contract. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

OTHER ITEMS

Issue Beer, Wine & Distilled Spirits Alcoholic Beverage License

Rhonda Sheppard for Waters Mill, Inc., 765 Guy Waters Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve this license which was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.*

Lumpkin County Hospital Authority

September 18, 2008 Meeting Cases for Review/Approval

The board reviewed the cases after which Commissioner Raber questioned a proposed payment of \$6,000.00. This is apparently intended as a donation for a free outreach clinic of the Community Helping Place.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber moved to approve the other cases but to table the \$6000.00 request for the Helping Hands New Clinic. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

Letter – United States Department of Agriculture – ARC Grant-FY '07 Water System Improvements

By this letter, and at the written request of the Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority, Lumpkin County is withdrawing from the ARC Grant FY 2007 Water System Improvements project. Commissioners Stowers said he thinks it is a mistake to pull out of this project. Commissioner Hutcheson said she wants it noted that this is not her choice of action.

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to approve this letter per request of the Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*

Letter - Corp. of Engineers/Dredging Materials at Lumpkin County Park

This letter concerns placement of material dredged from Lake Lanier.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve this letter. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

Land Survey RFP – Lumpkin County Property at Riley & Mechanicsville Roads

Staff recommends Land Plan Group because they have previously done a great deal of survey work in the area. Commissioner Hutcheson said she will refrain from voting as she has a nephew who works for GeoImage, one of the bidders. The Chairman said he must recuse himself because he just realized that a relative had signed one of the contracts. Vice-Chairman Stowers presided over the vote.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber moved to accept the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Commissioners Grindle and Raber approved the motion, Deborah Hutcheson abstained. Motion carried.*

Following the vote Chairman Gooch returned to his seat.

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

The DNR meeting concerning the Yahoola Trails Grant is scheduled for tomorrow in Atlanta. The Timken Foundation presentation of the \$100,000.00 check for the new ambulance will occur at 4:00 pm., Fire Station #1 on Friday.

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman had no comments.

COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Raber announced that Sheriff-Elect Stacy Jarrard came through his operation today just fine. He also said that he had attended the Homebuilders Association meeting and is going to e-mail material to Mark French and Allison Martin concerning the cost the expert gave on the price of housing needed to cover the cost of educating a child.

Commissioner Stowers commented that the old Burlington Building is for sale. He said it is being offered at a very good price (\$10.00 per square foot) and encouraged everyone in the audience to spread the word about the building.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

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PUBLIC

Barbara Bosanko, appointed to a Planning Commission seat tonight, introduced herself. Charlie Davis, reappointed to a Planning Commission seat, said he is approaching his ninth year on the commission.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Chairman Gooch asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners voted approval and the meeting was adjourned.*

11/20/2008
Date

Stephen W. Gooch
Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Ruth A. Bohac
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Clerk, Lumpkin County



LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

"Dr. John" Raber
District 1

Deborah A. Hutcheson
District 2

Stephen W. Gooch
Chairman

Clarence Stowers
District 3

Clarence Grindle
District 4



October 16, 2008

Ms. Kathleen G. Henderson, Area Specialist
United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development
111 East Spring Street, Suite B
Monroe, GA 30655

Re: ARC Grant – FY '07
Water System Improvements

Dear Ms. Henderson:

The Board of Commissioners continues to recognize the importance of the above referenced project. However, as with many small rural counties, the ability to meet the local funding requirements can be very challenging.

As you may recall, the County originally intended to utilize private investment expenditures to meet the grant's matching requirement. Unfortunately, due to the timing involved, these expenditures could not be recognized as such. In an attempt to directly provide the matching funds for the grant, the Board of Commissioners has closely examined the County's operating budget. Regrettably, the current economic downturn has severely limited the amount of funding available for discretionary expenses. As a result, the County must suspend any further actions regarding this project.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I would like to express my appreciation for all your efforts related to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Gooch
Commission Chair

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LUMPKIN COUNTY WATER & SEWERAGE AUTHORITY



October 6, 2008

Stephen Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Commission
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite A
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

Dear Chairman Gooch,

The Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority requests to withdraw the recommendation to pursue water interconnect line with Etowah Water Authority. The long range plan does not include this extension of water distribution line along Auraria Rd.

In the future an interconnection may be feasible; however at the present time the Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority recognizes capital outlay is needed elsewhere. Thank you for your assistance in the funding for the infrastructure. The Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority looks forward to other opportunities to enhance the distribution network.

Sincerely,

Dudley Owens
Executive Director